

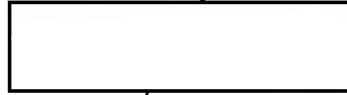
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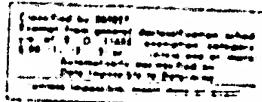
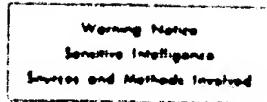
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Government troops are taking advantage of the withdrawal of some Communist forces from Takeo to undertake a small clearing operation along Route 2. Several battalions began moving south along the highway on 21 May in an attempt to regain control of a village a few miles from Takeo. In the northwest, other government forces are trying to reopen Route 5 between Phnom Penh and Kompong Chhnang but are making only slight progress in the face of moderate resistance. Communist attacks on three government positions along a section of Route 4 some 20 miles east of the seaport at Kompong Scm have temporarily closed that vital highway, according to a preliminary report. Although the attacking forces apparently have withdrawn, truck convoys scheduled for 22 May have been canceled. 25X1

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